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The Berner Blatt

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley

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BMDCNV Calendar of Events

~ 2020 ~

October 25
OFA Health Clinic
Suffield, CT

December
Holiday Meetups - more information coming soon

CANCELLED Notice: Fall Fun Day 2020 &
Fall Draft Tests have been cancelled.

BMDCNV will not be supporting the Thanksgiving
Cluster dog shows due to COVID-19.

FMI: www.bmdcnv.org/events.html

FREE Zoom Presentation



Mamaroneck Public Library invites you to join us an evening with authors **Brian Hare** and **Vanessa Woods** (authors of *The Genius of Dogs*), who will discuss their new and insightful title

Survival of the Friendliest: Understanding Our Origins and Rediscovering Our Common Humanity

Thursday, October 22, 2020
7:00 pm
On Zoom

To register go to:
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAlcuCqz0pHtldgCLiuMDpJJqWIIIM3T7KO>

8th Annual OFA Hip & Elbow Clinic

Sunday, October 25th, 2020

DR. GRIFFIN O'CONNOR &

DR. JASON HAVIAR

Suffield Veterinary Hospital • Suffield, CT

****Note this veterinary hospital is requiring the same COVID protocol as it practices daily which means no owners are allowed inside the building.*

This is not just for show dogs - all Berner OFA results listed in Berner Garde have the potential to assist in breeding decisions since many breeders look at all family data available when making their choices.

Hip and Elbow Digital Radiographs w/Sedation - \$215.

OFA same day submission fees:

OFA H & E: \$40

OFA H & E: 3 or more littermates - \$90 flat fee

OFA H & E: 5 or more by 1 owner/co-owner - \$15 each

Microchip: \$40 each

The clinic will be open to all breeds, other breeds' fee is \$265 per dog, and any dogs >150lbs add \$25.

Because this clinic is not allowing owners inside the building I'm looking for a few more volunteers than usual - please contact me if you are interested in helping!

Appointments must be made in advance and run from 9-4:00 – reply ASAP as you'll have your choice of appointment times and they typically fill fast. **For an appointment please contact Karen Fox** - email: foxfirebmd@gmail.com and registration paperwork will be emailed to you.

Contact me if you have any other questions!

Karen Fox, S.Windsor, CT

- Pre-sedation bloodwork with your primary vet shortly prior to the clinic is highly recommended.
- Sedative is butorphanol/dexdomitor. Dogs will be heavily sedated for the xrays and then receive a reversal dose, where they can walk out of the office within a short time.
- Priority will be given to those who previously responded.
- Club membership is not required to participate.

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QuaranTeam Berner Activities

What have you and your Berners been up to during COVID restrictions?



Reiki & daughter Porschia practicing drafting.
—Celeste O'Malley; Brattleboro, VT



Tessie (Snowpaw's Nuf Ced) is 9 months old and during her quarantine with us earned her TKN, TKI and TKA titles! She strongly encourages everyone to try, particularly because you are allowed to reward with treats in between tricks! Tessie is lovingly co-owned by Lisa Freed and Heidi Henderson.
— Lisa Freed; Bedford, MA



Rain passed her Trick Dog Advanced and Performer tests! That's a total of 20 tricks we accomplished remotely during the pandemic. CH Tennescott Green Mtns Summer Rain CD CGC RI FDC TKP NDD
— Buffy Bell; Reading, VT



Fennel started back at handling class once some restrictions were lifted.
— Sam & Tina Sirico; Old Saybrook, CT



Raffi is working on his drafting skills by delivering plants to the neighbors!
— Celeste O'Malley; Brattleboro, VT



Trinity will be appearing in the first episode of "Little Voice", which will be premiering on Apple TV on July 10. The filming was Trinity's first job as one of Bill Berloni's Theatrical Animals. We were very impressed with how quickly Trini adapted to the Big Apple and working with Bill was an absolute joy. Tune in if you can.
— Linda & Nancy Bates; Old Orchard Beach, ME

from the Editor...

Hello Everyone!

Fennel and I hope that everyone is staying safe during this unprecedented time. With all of our events and shows being cancelled, the Berner Blatt is in need of content. As this is your club newsletter, I'd like to hear from the members about what you might like to see published here!

Is there a new feature you'd like to see?
Do you have ideas for an ongoing column?
Do you have a Berner related field of expertise you'd like to share with everyone?

Please drop me a line at bmdcnvblatt@gmail.com with your ideas and suggestions. I am proud of the member

engagement that we have in the Blatt, and I'd love to keep it going. The newsletter is as good as the members make it!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone's submissions for our Fall Rescue Issue which includes a Halloween costume contest and our beloved Winter Veterans issue.

Thank you!!

Sam & Fennel
(with honorary Berner brothers, Puck & Mowgli)



Welcome! New Members

Michelle Hawran and
Andrew Janavey
Windsor, CT

Ron and Kim L'Ecuyer Jr
Westminster, MA

Laraine Bogosian
Waltham, MA

Returning Members

Kassie Hunt
Milton, MA

Melissa and Jeremy Boze
Narragansett, RI

Amy Ross
Moodus, CT

Chai and Megan Moussa
Franklin, MA

Linda Kipperman
Enfield, NH

Paul Maguire
Rye, NH



20-Year Members



What were you doing in 2000? In addition to preparing for the impending millennium, these fine folks were joining the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley! To celebrate their being part of our club for 20 years, they have each received a special commemorative pin signifying 20 years of BMDCNV membership and memories:

JoAnn Broussard
Stephen Diers
Anne Driscoll
Vicki Fallin
Tiggie Gerli
Nancy Halfmann

Bruce Hallden
Craig Healy
Tracey Healy
Jennifer Helzberg
Linda Hill
Mary Malcolmson

Susan Morrill
Erin O'Malley
Lorraine Salter
Diane Smith
Laurel Wood
Margaret Yonco-Haines

39th BMDCNV Annual Meeting

SHELLEY TYRE BMDCNV Outstanding Service Award

Shelley Award Winner 2020: Karen Fox

The Shelley Award is named in honor of a club member- Shelley Tyre, who passed away in 1999. The Award is presented annually to a club member for outstanding service and contribution to our club and to our breed.

Karen Fox - By Carol Jensen

Karen has been a member of the Nashoba Valley Club for many years, and that is how I met her. She has a wealth of knowledge regarding Bernese Mountain Dogs and loves to share her knowledge with others. I have worked side by side with her at many of the OFA clinics that our club has sponsored and found her to be very organized and well versed in the procedures at the clinics. She has also helped the club by running health screenings at a Fun Day with blood draws and cheek swabs. Karen has also been on the Regional Club Council for health issues in Berners. She is a very caring person who doesn't allow things to get her down, She loved showing her dogs and brought her Blue to his championship and is now working with Logan to reach that goal. No one deserves the Shelley Award more than she does. Thank you, Karen, for all you do for all of us and our dogs.



Photo provided by Karen Fox, taken by Lynn Meyers.

MVBP: Diane Smith

Written by: Jean Michael

Presentation of the 4th Annual MVBP Award -

Diane Smith has been a member of the BMDCNV for 20 years and is the recipient of the 2019 MVBP Award. Diane currently serves as one of our Publication Chairs, alongside Martha Phelps. She is often seen assisting at our Fun Days and when she isn't helping with the educational games or talks offered, she has often been called upon to judge the Fun Day Conformation Fun Matches. When our club hosted the 2018 National Specialty in Sturbridge, Diane was in charge of taking care of the judges, from picking them up at the airport, to planning their meals and dining throughout the week, and assisting them as needed. That was a big job and she handled it effortlessly!

Nashoba is fortunate to have a member who is always willing to offer her assistance and expertise at our events and we are pleased to award her the 2019 MVBP Award! Thank you Diane!

New Members Showcase



Are you a new Member?

Tell us about yourself in our New Member Showcase. Click on this link...

<http://bmdcnv.org/newmember.html>

Complete the quick summary, hit submit, email your pic and you're done! Please complete your submission by the 20th to be included in the next issue of the Berner Blatt.

We look forward to meeting you!

39th BMDCNV Annual Meeting

BMDCNV CELEBRATES NEW TITLE EARNERS

Dog Name	New Titles in 2019	Owned By:
CH CT Backcountry Xcelsior VST TKI NDD	AKC Tracking Dog Excellent; AKC Champion Tracker; AKC Champion; BMDCA Novice Draft Dog; BMDCA Versatility Dog; AKC Trick Dog Advanced	Beth Atkinson & Wendy Bennett
CH Ledgewood's Up In Lights CGC TKN	National Association of Canine Scent Work NW3; AKC Scent Work Container Novice; AKC Scent Work Exterior Novice; National Association of Canine Scent Work NW3-C; National Association of Canine Scent Work NW3-E; National Association of Canine Scent Work NW3-V	Ellen Barnaby & Abby Patrizio
CH Belnois White Mtns Pemigewasset FDC CGC	AKC Canine Good Citizen Test; AKC Farm Dog Certified; AKC Champion	Barbara J. Beck-Wilczek
CH Tennescott White Mtns Dalton CD RE MDD ANDD CGC	AKC Farm Dog Certified	Barbara Beck-Wilczek & William Wilczek
GCHS Tennescott White Mtns The Balsams CDX RE MDD ABNDD CGC	AKC Farm Dog Certified	Barbara Beck-Wilczek & William Wilczek
Tennescott White Mtns Moosilauke CDX ANDD ABNDD CGC	AKC Farm Dog Certified	Barbara Beck-Wilczek & William Wilczek
CH Tennescott Green Mtns Summer Rain RE FDC CGC TKI	AKC Rally Excellent; AKC Farm Dog Certified BMDCA Novice Draft Dog; AKC Companion Dog	Wynanda Bell
Tennescott Green Mtns Brook BN RA FDC CGC TKN	BMDCA Novice Draft Dog	Wynanda Bell
Seawind Farm's My Mystical Meme CGCA CGCU TKN	AKC Trick Dog Novice	Marge Bumen & Alise Burbridge
CH Spellbound-Southwind Ring of Fire CD RE NDD	AKC Rally Excellent; CKC Companion Dog; AKC Champion; BMDCA Versatility Dog; BMDCA Draft Dog; BMDCA Brace Novice Draft Dog	Dr. Jonathan Cons & Judy C. Cons
Ursli Firn AXP OJP CGC	BMDCA Brace Novice Draft Dog AKC Agility Excellent Preferred	Paul J Emerson & Mary J Durham
CH Timberledge's We Need A Little Christmas	AKC Champion	Cathy Estes & Peter Estes
Spellbound's Harbor Baroness CD RN PT OAP OJP TKA	BMDCA ABNDD	Barbara Gibson & Dayna Merrow
CH Tennescott Green Mtns Albert Einstein	AKC Champion; AKC Farm Dog Certified; AKC Canine Good Citizen Test	Linda Kipperman
Miroco Heidi Deux Picots FDC CGC	AKC Farm Dog Certified; AKC Canine Good Citizen Test; AKC Canine Partners	Linda Kipperman
Backcountry's Xtant Andronicus	BMDCA Novice Draft Dog	Elizabeth Malcolmson & Wendy Bennett
Snowpaw's Sonnenberg Trekker RN	AKC Rally Novice; AKC Farm Dog Certified	Tressena Ann Manning
Country Roads Silver Belle	National Association of Canine Scent Work L2E National Association of Canine Scent Work ELT-CH	Amy Matthieu
Spellbound's Cranberry Crush CGC	AKC Canine Good Citizen Test	Jean Michael
Olympian's Sweet Dreams CGCA TKN	AKC Community Canine Test; AKC Trick Dog Novice AKC Farm Dog Certified	Jeanne Robbins and Eileen Brouck
Usher Hillside Dream On CGC	AKC Canine Good Citizen Test; AKC Trick Dog Novice	Jeanne Robbins
Thorncreeks Syncopated Rhythm FDC CGCA TKN	AKC Community Canine Test	Erin Spanos
Backcountry Trailblazer CGC	AKC Farm Dog Certified; AKC Canine Good Citizen Test	Terry Spies & Wendy Bennett
Maine's Jardin Des Fleurs CGC	AKC Farm Dog Certified; AKC Canine Good Citizen Test	Terry Spies
Helvetia's Nemo CGCA CGCU TKN	AKC Trick Dog Novice; AKC Farm Dog Certified	Anya Wittenborg

Congrats...

**BMDCNV CELEBRATES
NEW TITLE EARNERS**



USHER HILLSIDE DREAM ON CGC, TKN
(Betty Boop) passed her Canine Good Citizen Test and the Novice Trick Dog test in 2019.

— *Jim and Jeanne Robbins; Canaan NH*



Daphne earned her CGC in 2019.
— *Mari Higgins; Pawlet, VT*



2019 Title Earners Rain & Brook pictured with sister Moriah.
— *Owned & Loved by Buffy Bell; Reading, VT*



OLYMPIAN'S SWEET DREAMS CGCA, FDC, TKN
(Bacio) earned her Farm Dog Title, Canine Good Citizen Advanced and Novice Trick Dog titles in 2019.
— *Jim and Jeanne Robbins; Canaan, NH*



Urqli earned Brace & Agility titles in 2019.
— *Mary Durham & Paul Emerson; Groton, MA*



Khione earned a Novice Draft Dog title in 2019.
— *Elizabeth Malcolmson; Enfield, NH*

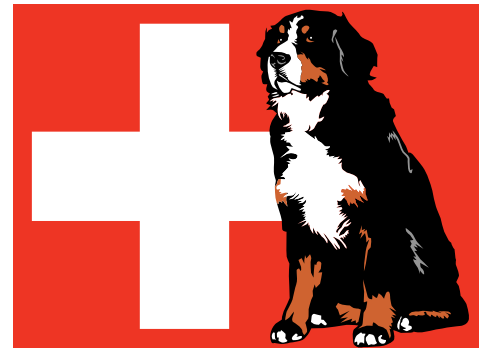
Rescue Notebook

The Fall Issue of the Berner Blatt will be the rescue issue. We're looking for stories about your adopted Berners, whether or not they were Berner Inc. rescue dogs. Even if you have time to write only a paragraph about your Berners, we want your stories. Longer tales are also welcome! And please supply a photo of your Berners.

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Farm Dog Legacy Photos

Bernese Mountain Dogs have a lengthy history of being hardworking farm dogs. Four Mile River Farm in Old Lyme, CT would like to help us celebrate that. What does your dog do that celebrates our Farm Dog Legacy? Do you compete in herding? Does your Berner live on a farm? Is your dog a cow whisperer? Send the Blatt pictures of your dog in their best farm dog work, and the BMDCNV Board of Directors will choose their favorite one. The winner will receive a \$100 giftcard to Four Mile River Farm!

Deadline is October 8th!



4th of July Photo Celebration



Clockwise from Left:

Moose, owned & loved by Laurie Bryce; Georgetown, MA.

Rogue & Luna, owned & loved by Carolyn Massey; Billerica, MA.

Ella & Sabina, owned & loved by Jean Michael; Lakeville, MA.

Trinity, owned & loved by Linda and Nancy Bates; Old Orchard Beach, ME.



Birthdays, Congratulations and Brags...



PERFECT 10!

MYOTIE'S YOUR WILDEST DREAMS
(Buster) turned 10 on 5/7.
— Owned and loved by Carol & Neal
Jensen; Cromwell, CT



NEW VETERANS!

Our girl OLYMPIAN'S SWEET DREAMS CGCA
FDC TKN aka Bacio turned 7 on July 4th! She
celebrated all day long starting with birthday cake
for breakfast, a big car ride, shopping at her favorite
store and special patriotic treats to round out her
day. Happy Birthday Baby Girl, love you lots!!!
— Jim and Jeanne Robbins (Betty Boop too!);
Canaan NH



"To the people who look at the
stars and wish. To the stars that
listen - and the dreams that are
answered." Happy 7th Birthday to
my veteran and new TKN, Rogue!
To whatever end. TENNESCOTT
ADK OTTER CREEK RN TKN
05.26.2013
Love Mom, Grams & Luna
— Carolyn Massey; Billerica, MA



EIGHT IS GREAT!

Dove turned 8 on June 5th!
— Celeste O'Malley, Brattleboro, VT



TERRIFIC TWO!

MARBEN'S RODENBACH GRAND CRU (Roadie)
turns 2 on 6/19. Owned & Loved by Kym
Dekker-Collins and Tiggy Gerli.
— Kym Dekker-Collins; Danbury, CT



6 Years Old and 6 Feet Apart

Wishing a happy 6th birthday (June 21) to Betruf Celtic Trinity and her
brothers Ciaran, Clooney, Tonka, and Riley and sending love over the
bridge to her sweet Calla sisters. Trin's beach blast party was cancelled due
to Covid 19 but we did celebrate with Berner buddies via Zoom! Some of
the party goers were even "stuffed" with cake and ice cream.

— Linda & Nancy Bates; Old Orchard Beach, ME

Birthdays, Congratulations and Brags...



FANTASTIC FOUR!

Joy turned 4 on July 13th!
— Celeste O'Malley; Brattleboro, VT



SIX IS SWEET!

Happy Birthday to Moose! He turned 6 on June 1st.
— Ray and Allison Harding; Milford, MA



REMISSION

Chariclo is kicking lymphoma's butt! It's been a year since her diagnosis and while she is back on chemo she is in "complete remission" and loving life!
— Elizabeth Malcolmson; Rockport, MA

NEW TKN!
I am pleased to announce CH TENNESCOTT GREEN MTNS ALBERT EINSTEIN FDC, CGC (Albert) can now add TKN to his name. Next... the virtual Rally challenge. A big thank you to Buffy Bell for all your encouragement!
— Linda Kipperman; Enfield, NH



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These dedicated chairpeople provide essential services to you, our membership. Please feel free to contact them with your questions, concerns, suggestions, requests for help or offers of help. Our mission is to provide the best for Berners and their families.

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In Remembrance



JUNO

AKA "JUNEBUG/DOODIEBUG"

FEBRUARY 16, 2009 - MAY 27 2020

Juno was our first child. We took him home right after we were married and he completed our family. What a stubborn boy he was - but so cute he stole our hearts. Soon we added a little Bernese brother to the mix and the dynamics changed. Juno always let the younger one push him around, but he was content to sit and watch. He loved to get attention in the most frustrating ways... he would put on the breaks in the middle of the street with traffic trying to get by, he would refuse to get in the car and he'd roll in anything that had the slightest bit of a bad smell. Once he even ate a dead fish, hook line and sinker (quite literally). Yet he had these big brown eyes that loved you to your soul - you could never stay mad for long! He'd lay at his Dad's feet when he watched the TV and sleep by the side of our bed at night.

We lost his brother Midas this past March - after which Juno was never the same. And although we could tell he was loving the extra one-on-one attention he was also sad. Maybe physically he just let go. He'd had some minor disc problems for years, but all of a sudden these seemed to get worse. In his final weeks he could not get up or walk without assistance. Maybe Juno wanted to go find his brother, we certainly hope so, and hope they are having loads of fun together.

We thank you Juno for teaching us patience and tolerance and showing us what unconditional love is. You were the glue in our family. We love and miss you every hour of every day.

— Lora & Tim Cermola, Litchfield CT

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